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TAGS: CASC: (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.)

SUBJECT:W/W - JOHN J. SULLIVAN

1. THE MEETING WITH THE SULLIVAN FAMILY WAS ATTENDED BY MR. AND MRS. SULLIVAN, MRS. DONNA IGOE, MRS. DEBBIE INDRIERI, CONGRESSWOMAN ROUKEMA AND HER ADMIN ASST DAN YEAGER. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY CA ASST SEC ASENCIO, AND ATTENED BY DEP ASST SEC GOELZ, DIR OF THE CITIZENS EMERGENCY CENTER JAMES L. WARD, AND MIKE BARRY FROM THE DESK. THE MEETING LASTED FOR OVER 2 HOURS AND IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT THE SULLIVAN FAMILY HAS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PARAMETERS WITHIN WHICH THE DEPT AND THE EMBASSY MUST WORK. WE HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE THE SULLIVAN FAMILY WITH A DAILY REPORT ON THE STATUS OF EFFORTS TO LOCATE THEIR SON AND WE WOULD APPREICATE RECEIVING ANY INFO THAT MAY COME TO THE POST'S ATTENTION RE THIS CASE BY IMMEDIATE TELEPHONE CALL.

2. THE DEPT HAS AGREED TO TAKE ACTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS AND THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RESPOND BY IMMEDIATL CABLE AS APPROPRIATE.

A. THE SULLIVAN FAMILY HAS REQUESTED THAT WE CHECK ONCE AGAIN WITH THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (IRC) IN EL SALVADOR TO ASSURE THAT THEY IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE TO THE EMBASSY ANY INFO THEY MAY LEARN ABOUT ULLIVAN. PLEASE REPORT WHETHER YOU HAVE HAD ANY SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE IRC AFTER INFORMING THAT OFFICE OF SULLIVAN'S DISAPPEARANCE AND OUR EFFORTS TO LOCATE HIM.

B. THE DEPT HAS AGREED TO CONSULT WITH FORMER AMB WHITE RE THE EFFICACY OF ENGA;IN; THE SERVICES OF A WELL-CONNECTED SALVADORAN TO MAKE FURTHER LOCAL INQUIRIES IN THIS CASE. ANY COMMENTS POST MAY WISH TO MAKE IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

C. THE DEPT IS ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE THE NAMES OF THE FLIGHT -REW ON BOARD AIRCRAFT THAT CARRIED SULLIVAN TO SAN SALVADOR IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ANY POSSIBLE FURTHER INFO THEY MAY HAVE RE SULLIVAN'S ACTIVITIES AND INTENTIONS IN EL SALVADOR.

D. THE SULLIVAN FAMILY HAVE AGREED TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH CA/OCS/EMR ON THIS CASE FROM NOW ON. ALL COMMUNICATIONS RE SULLIVAN CASE SHOULD THEREFORE BE CHANNELED THROUGH CA/OCS/EMR.

E. THE DEPT IS ALSO CHECKING WHETHER OR NOT MR. SULLIVAN APPLIED FOR AND OBTAINED A JOURNALIST VISA FROM THE SALVADORAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK AS CLAIMED BY FAMILY. IN ADDITION, SULLIVAN FAMILY CLAIMS THAT WHILE THEY INITIALLY SPOKE WITH AMB AQUINO AT THE SALVADORAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHO AGREED TO QUERY THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN EL SALVADOR RE SULLIVAN'S WHEREABOUTS, THE AMBASSADOR HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT AGAIN WITH THE FAMILY AND THEIR EFFORTS TO SPEAK WITH HIM HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. THE DEPT WILL DISCUSS THE SALVADORAN EMBASSY'S RESPONSIVENESS WITH SALVADORAN EMBASSY OFFICERS AND SUGGEST THAT A REPORT RE WHATEVER ACTIONS THE AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED AND WHATEVER RESPONSE HE HAS HAD FROM EL SALVADOR BE PROVIDED THE SULLIVAN FAMILY.

3. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO INFORM THE DEPT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WHEN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES DISCUSSED IN WINGE/LASBURY TELCON OF FEB 18 ARE PICKED UP. HAIG

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